(c) whether the entry of foreign media had in any way affected the commercial revenue of AIR and Doordarshan; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a):

(Rs. in crores)

	AIR	DOORDARSHAN
1991-92	53	300.61
1992-93	59	360.23
1993-94	64	372.98
1994-95 (Target)	73	380.00

(b) (Rs. in crores)

1991-92	343	526.65
1992-93	369	629.55
1993-94	450	623.41
1994-95	326 (Provisional)	277.44 (upto January 1995)

(c) The growth rate of commercial revenue from Doordarshan has lessened in the last two years.

इलेक्ट्रानिक प्रचार माध्यम (मीडिया) पर एकाधिकार

287. **प्रो० विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उच्चतम न्यायालय ने हाल ही में इस आशय का फैसला दिया है कि सरकार का इलैक्ट्रानिक प्रचार माध्यम (मीडिया) पर एकाधिकार नहीं है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका तथ्यात्मक ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार ने उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री के० पी० सिंह देव) : (क) से (ग) भारत संघ बनाम बंगाल क्रिकेट संघ मामले में उच्चतम न्यायालय द्वारा 9-2-95 को दिये गये निर्णयों की जांच की जा रही है।

Implementation of Prasad Bharati Act

288. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to fully implement the Prasad Bharati Act passed by Houses of Parliament in 1990;

(b) what are the details of the provisions of the Act which have yet to be implemented;

(c) whether it is a fact that a group of 11 eminent persons belonging to the

Citizens' Initiative for Radio and Television Autonomy (CIRTA) have called for immediate implementation of the Act; if so, what are the points made by the group and steps Government have taken to implement the same; and

(d) whether Government have taken notice of Supreme Courts' Judgement regarding liberation of the electronic media from Government Control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Certain changes, inter-alia, in the proposed organisational structure of the Corporation envisaged in the Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) Act, 1990 are warranted in the light of the rapidly changing broadcasting scenario because of increased international satellite broadcasting in this part of the world.

(c) The Government is not aware of any such call in this regard.

(d) The judgements delivered by the Supreme Court in the case of Union of India versus Cricket Association of Bengal on 9-2-95 are under examination.

Autonomy to Electronic Media

289. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court in its recent order has asked Government to give autonomy to Radio and TV for the setting up of an independent public authority to control and regulate the use of airwaves;

(b) whether in view of the Supreme Court verdict, Government propose to implement the Prasar Bharati Act, and

(c) if so, what follow up action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) to (c) The judgements delivered by the Supreme Court in the case of Union of India versus Cricket Association of Bengal on 9-2-95 are under examination.

Coverage to Welfare Schemes of Orissa Government by Doordarshan

290. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plan and programme particularly Welfare Schemes launched by State Government of Orissa and several other States are not being given coverage by Doordarshan and Akashwani;

(b) if so, the reasons for the inadequate coverage of State Government's programmes particularly Orissa Government's programmes on TV and All India Radio; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to regulate the coverage in the All India Radio and Doordarshan to the welfare programmes of the State Government of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In accordance with the general policy guidelines issued to the Official Media, Doordarshan Kendra and AIR Stations in Orissa are disseminating information relating to developmental and welfare schemes launched by the Government of Orissa from time to time.